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The 72

Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

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- **In chapter 9, Jesus gave authority and power to the 12**

- **Here in chapter 10, Jesus gives the same authority and power to 72 others**

  - **Discipleship means expanding the ranks**

- **I believe Luke is saying to his readers that what Jesus gave to the 12 and then to the 72**

  - **He gives to us, wants us to have as well**

- **And that is the task of proclaiming the kingdom of God = reconciliation with the Father**

- **And demonstrating the kingdom of God = healing and the casting out of demons**

- **There are three key questions that come forth from this passage in Luke 10. I would like to invite you to respond verbally to each question, and if you do so, please speak loudly so all can hear:**

Question 1: If the harvest is so plentiful, why are there so few workers?

- **It's tough work**
- **Somebody else will do it**
- **We have other things to do**
- **We can do it later**
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Question 2: Why send lambs out among wolves? (why not send wolves out?)

- **Lambs need protection from the shepherd**

- **Lambs can't force faith**
- **Wolves will be drawn to lambs**
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<u>Question 3: Why not stay in different house? Why not take more supplies?</u>

- **It's not about popularity or comfort**
- **It's not a pleasure cruise**
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To the town that would reject, Jesus reminds them that the kingdom of God is near

- **If you reject, you are excluding yourselves from the kingdom**
  - **Jesus is saying that some people just say NO**

Jesus' commissioning of the 72 is a challenge for us, meant for us …

Do you want to be one of the New 72?

(1) Find a partner
- **(2) Learn the message of the Gospel**
- **(3) Trust God to protect you**
- **(4) Walk in the authority and power of the Holy Spirit**
- **(5) Pray, Go, and Check back with us!**

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